



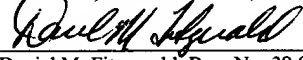
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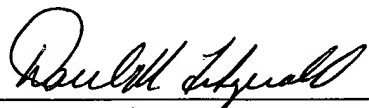
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SIR:

The above-identified patent application was filed on April 30, 2001. Since that time, nothing has been received indicating action on this application. We respectfully request a status inquiry on the above-identified patent application. A copy of this request is enclosed for the purpose of reporting the results of the status inquiry.

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